eWiSACWIS Reports Update - July 2006

New and Updated Reports - The following reports are now available:

Reports Dashboard: The Reports Dashboard now provides information for more than four quarters. Data is available starting with the January – March 2005 quarter and ultimately up to 12 quarters of data can be used in the dashboard. The dashboard has been modified to use the historical data for prior quarters to ensure consistency with the original reports for those quarters. The dashboard also now allows for customized comparisons with a region or group of counties.

Federal Outcome Reports - UPDATE: Modifications have been made to the report summary outputs to make the summaries easier to print out as Word documents. Fixes have also been made to address incidents submitted for these reports.

Access Report (SM 0201) - NEW: The Access report shows intakes and subsequent screening decisions for CPS reports and service requests. The report shows the type of CPS report by type of maltreatment and service request by type of service. The report will help agencies monitor their Access activity. Individual county outputs are available monthly and on-demand, with summary information in Word and case detail in Excel and statewide outputs for DCFS. The SM0201 Access report replaces the SM0200 Intake Report.

Comprehensive Case List Report (SM 04a02) – NEW: The Case List report provides a comprehensive list of all open cases by case type. The report shows how many cases are open by the type of case (CPS Family, Juvenile justice, etc) and also shows major types of case work pending or completed during the report period, such as Assessments, Case Plans, and Out-of-Home Placements to indicate the volume of casework by case type. Individual county outputs are available monthly and on-demand, with summary information in Word and case detail in Excel and statewide outputs for DCFS.

Initial Assessment Activity Report (SM 06a04) – NEW: The IA Activity report shows the number of Initial Assessments started, in progress and completed during the report period. For completed assessments, the report shows counts of the number of children and allegations by type of maltreatment , case findings made in the assessment, safety decisions, and case disposition. The report will help agencies monitor their IA activity. Individual county outputs are available monthly and on-demand, with summary information in Word and case detail in Excel and statewide outputs for DCFS.

Reports Under Development

ICWA Documentation (SM 10a28) – UPDATE: The report is being revised to exclude Juvenile Justice cases from the ICWA documentation information because ICWA does not apply to juvenile delinquency cases. The report will still show all Indian children in placement, but the ICWA documentation will be shown for only CPS Family and other non-Juvenile Justice case types.

Comprehensive Case List Report (SM 04a02) – UPDATE: An additional output is being developed that will show a list of current open cases by worker along with the type of worker assignment, either primary or secondary, and how long the assignment has been in effect. The case list by worker output will allow agencies to keep worker case assignments and the type of worker assignment updated.

Provider Characteristics (T.B.D) – NEW: This report will provide information on the availability and characteristics of foster homes, kinship homes and adoptive homes, including capacity along with gender and age preferences for placements. The report will also provide demographic information about providers.

Worker Training Record (TBD) – NEW: This report will provide information on completion of pre-service and foundation training by workers as specified in the forthcoming HFS 43 Administrative Rule. The training tab of the worker record was modified in the March 2006 release to collect dates of training completion. The report will show the training documentation by worker.

Time to Adoption (SM 10a20) – UPDATE: The report will be revised to provide separate information on time from removal from home to TPR and from TPR to adoption finalization. The revision will allow the TPR part of the report to be used more effectively by counties while the finalization part applies to the state adoption program.

Report Projects:

PEP Report Modifications: Several of the PEP Performance reports, including Contacts with Children and Parents, Family Assessments and Case Planning, Use of Medical Screen, and Use of Education Screen are based on a definition of ongoing CPS case that involves how the Safety Assessment is completed. The reports have been updated to reflect the revised safety Assessment in the July 2006 release. The Family Assessments and Case Planning SM 0801 report has been revised to include all CPS family cases, regardless of the Safety Assessment information. The revised report will be piloted with counties to determine if the same change should be made to the other reports.

Datamart: DCFS will be doing a pilot of business intelligence software to determine the feasibility of developing a child welfare datamart for eWiSACWIS report purposes. The development of a datamart and use of business intelligence software will allow for more flexibility in analyzing child welfare data and more capacity to drill down from summary information to case detail. Depending on the results of the pilot, development of the datamart will begin in Fall 2006.

Other Recent Report Developments: (From January or March 2006)

Assessment Data Quality (SM 06a06) – NEW: This report tracks certain key child and caretaker characteristics relevant to improving to data quality of CPS Reports and Initial Assessments. The report is intended for monitoring entry of essential data for State Child Abuse and Neglect and Federal NCANDS reporting. The report indicates all CPS Reports received during the report period, creation of Initial Assessments and entry of essential assessment information. Individual county outputs are available monthly and on-demand, with summary information in Word and case detail in Excel and statewide outputs for DCFS.

CPS Initial Assessment Timeliness (SM 06a05) – UPDATE: The report was updated to change the calculation of average times for CPS-Report screen-in, assignment to worker, and completion of the Initial Assessment from the simple average or mean to the median. The use of the median for the calculation address concerns with the original report that "outlier" cases involving old CPS Reports were skewing the averages for counties.

Kinship Care Report (SM 10a31) – UPDATE: This report tracks the number of TANF and county-funded children in Kinship Care placements, including both voluntary and court-ordered cases.   The update provides a case detail worksheet so counties can see the individual cases in their caseload. The report is used by DCFS for TANF funding allocations and should be used by counties to monitor the accuracy of their Kinship Care caseload reporting.

Placement Detail Report (SM 10a32) – NEW: This report provides details for all children in out-of-home placement or who received in-home services during the report period. The report contains information regarding the number of children, child demographics, placement settings and dates, and provider. The report also contains information on the number of placements, services by placement/service setting and the number of children placed with relatives. Individual county outputs are available monthly and on-demand, with summary information in Word and case detail in Excel and statewide outputs for DCFS.

Permanency Plan Detail Report (SM 0802) – NEW: This report displays information on permanency plans and permanency plan reviews/hearings for all children currently in out-of-home placement. The report includes children in open out-of-home placement as of the report date and shows the status of permanency plans for cases and the extent that permanency plan reviews and hearings have been documented. Individual county outputs are available monthly and on-demand, with summary information in Word and case detail in Excel and statewide outputs for DCFS.

Foster Care AFCARS Exceptions Report (CM 2012) – UPDATE: The report was updated to provide information on AFCARS foster care reporting errors in an easier to read format. A new summary report in Word shows a simple list of cases with errors that can be easily shared with workers so they can correct errors in their cases using the AFCARS Exception Screen. The existing Excel worksheet with more detail on error cases was improved to be more readable.

Want to Be Involved with Reports?

- Attend the Report Session of the November 1-2, 2006 PAW/TAW meeting in Eau Claire to participate in setting priorities for future report maintenance and development.
- Contact Barry Mickelson in DCFS (608-266-3808 or Micklba@dhfs.state.wi.us) to participate in user testing of eWiSACWIS data reports.